

Amendments to the Claims:

1 (currently amended): A hot melt adhesive comprising

a radial block copolymer component comprising (PS-PI-PB)_nX wherein PS is polystyrene, PI is polyisoprene and PB is polybutadiene, X is the residue of a multifunctional coupling agent used in the production of the radial block copolymer, and n is equal to or greater than 3 and represents the number of PS-PI-PB arms appended to X, and wherein the styrene content of the radial block copolymer is from 25 wt % to about 50 wt % .

a linear ~~block~~ triblock copolymer,

a tackifying resin,

a liquid plasticizer, and,

optionally, a wax,

wherein, based on the weight of the adhesive composition, the said radial block copolymer component is present in amounts of less than 15 wt %, the linear ~~polymer~~ triblock copolymer is present in amounts of up to about 20 wt %, the tackifying resin is present in amounts of from about 30 to about 70 wt %, the plasticizer is present in amounts of less than about 20 wt % and the wax is present in amounts of 0 wt % up to about 5 wt %, said adhesive being suitable for use as an elastic attachment adhesive.

2 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 in which the number average molecular weight of each arm of said radial block copolymer is from about 30,000 to about 95,000.

3 (original): The adhesive of claim 2 wherein the radial block copolymer component has a

SIB di-block percentage of less than about 25%, based on the amount of the radial block copolymer component.

4 (original): The adhesive of claim 3 wherein the radial block copolymer component has a SIB di-block percentage of less than about 20 %, based on the amount of the radial block copolymer component.

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6 (currently amended): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein said linear ~~block~~ triblock copolymer is styrene-isoprene-styrene, styrene-butadiene-styrene, styrene-isobutylene styrene, styrene-b-ethylene/butylene-b-styrene, and/or styrene-b-ethylene/propylene-b-styrene.

7 (previously amended): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein n is between about 3 and about 6.

8 (previously amended): The adhesive of claim 1 which comprises both a liquid plasticizer and a wax.

9 (previously amended): An article of manufacture comprising an elastomeric fiber and the adhesive of claim 1.

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11 (previously amended): The article of claim 9 which is a disposable elastic article.

12 (previously amended): The article of claim 11 which is a disposable absorbent elastic article.

13 (original): The article of claim 12 which is a diaper.

14 (previously amended): A process for bonding a first substrate to a second substrate comprising applying to at least the first substrate the adhesive of claim 1, bringing at least the second substrate in contact with the adhesive present on the first substrate whereby said first and second substrates are bonded together, wherein at least one of said first substrate or said second substrate is an elastomeric polyurethane fiber.

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16 (previously amended): The process of claim 14 wherein one of said first substrate or said second substrate is a nonwoven substrate.

17 (new): The composition of claim 1 wherein said radial block copolymer component is present in amounts of from about 0.5 wt % to less than 15 wt %, the linear triblock copolymer is present in amounts of from about 1 wt % to about 20 wt %, the tackifying resin is present in amounts of from about 30 wt % to about 70 wt %, and the plasticizer is present in amounts of from about 1 wt % to about 20 wt %.